

ALLOWANCE

1. This action is in response to the Remarks and Amended Claims filed on October 12, 2007, in which Applicant amended claim 1 and added claims 15-18. Applicant elected without traverse Group I, containing claims 1-4 drawn to compounds and compositions. Examiner has rejoined claims 5-7 and 10-14 drawn to methods of treatment. Claims 1-4, 10 and 14-18 are allowed.

Examiner's Amendment

2. The Application has been amended as follows:

Claims 5-7: CANCELLED.

Claim 10: AMENDED: delete "wherein antagonism of the NK1 receptors and SRI activity is beneficial" from lines 15-16 of the claim.

Claims 11-13: CANCELLED.

Reasons for Allowance

3. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the elected invention is free of the prior art and the form of the application is acceptable. The closest prior art is Keown et al., WO 94/14767. The difference between the instant compounds and the compounds of the reference is that the compounds of the reference has a five-membered ring where the instant invention requires a six- to eight-membered ring, which is neither disclosed in or expressly suggested by the Keown et al. publication.

Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Erich A. Leeser whose telephone number is 571-272-9932. The Examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 6:00 EST.

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